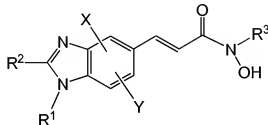


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: H, [I,] and unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, C₄-C₉ heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, and heteroarylalkyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, =O, =S, -CN, -NO₂, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkylamino, acylamino, aminoalkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, -COOH, -C(O)OR⁵, -SH, [-] and acyl;

R² is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, and unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, C₄-C₉ heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, and heteroarylalkyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, =O, =S, -CN, -NO₂, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, alkylamino, acylamino, aminoalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, -COOH, -C(O)OR⁵, -SH, and acyl;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁ -C₆ alkyl, and acyl;

X and Y are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, -CN, -NO₂, -CF₃, C₁-C₄ alkyl, -COR⁵, -SR⁶, -OR⁶, and -NR⁷R⁸;

R⁵ is C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁶ is C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently selected from the group consisting of: H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₄-C₉ cycloalkyl, C₄-C₉ heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl and heteroarylalkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ = H.

5. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein X and Y = H.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: H[,], and unsubstituted or substituted hydroxyalkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, heteroalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, and heterocycloalkyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted as defined in claim 1.

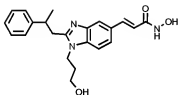
8. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: H, methyl; (pyridin-3-yl)methyl; 2-hydroxy-ethyl; 2,3-di-hydroxy-propyl; and 3-hydroxy-propyl.

9. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is selected from the group consisting of H, and unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl,

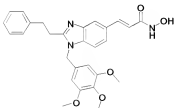
heteroalkyl, and cycloalkyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted as defined in claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 is selected from the group consisting of 2-phenyl-propyl, 2-phenyl-ethyl, 4-methoxy-phenyl, 4-benzyloxy-3-methoxy-phenyl, 4-benzyloxy-3-methoxy-phenyl, pyridin-2-yl, and pyridin-4-yl.

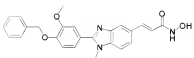
11. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from compounds, and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, selected from the group consisting of



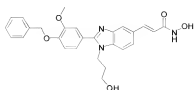
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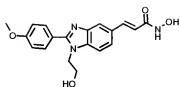
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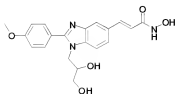
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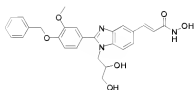
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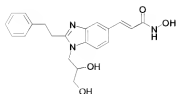
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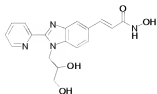
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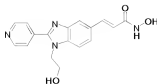
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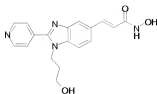
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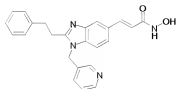
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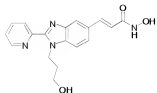
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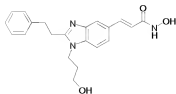
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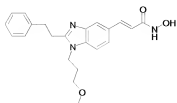
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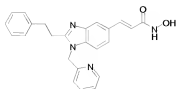
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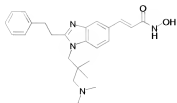
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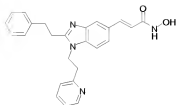
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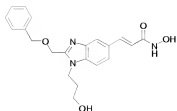
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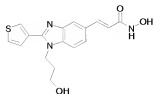
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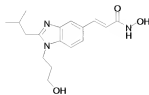
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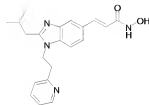
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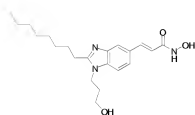
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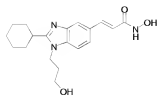
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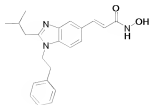
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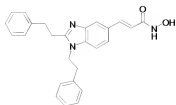
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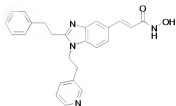
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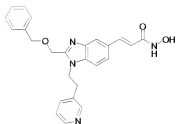
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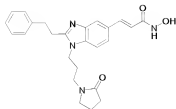
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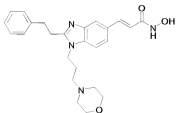
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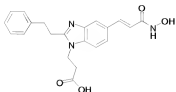
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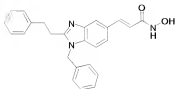
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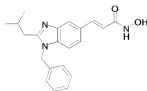
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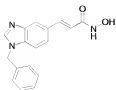
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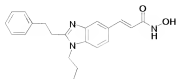
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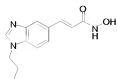
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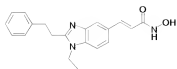
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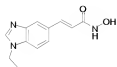
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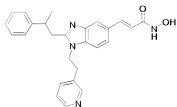
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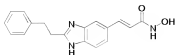
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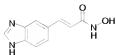
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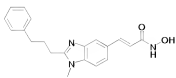
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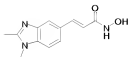
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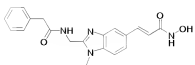
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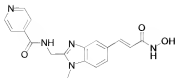
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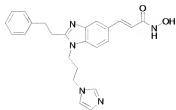
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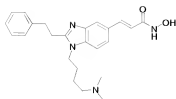
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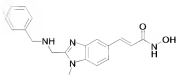
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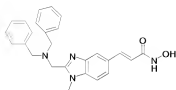
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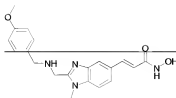
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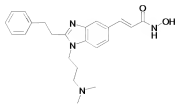
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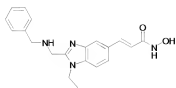
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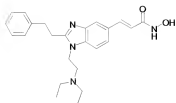
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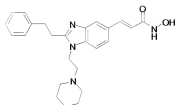
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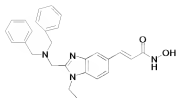
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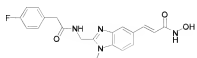
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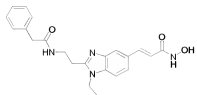
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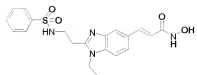
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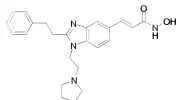
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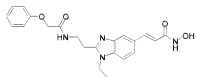
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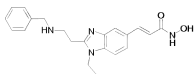
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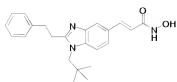
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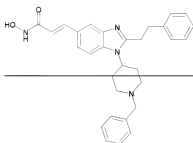
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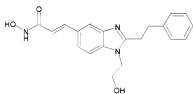
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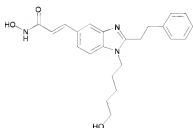
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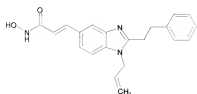
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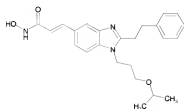
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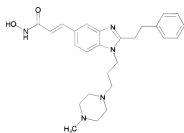
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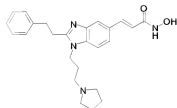
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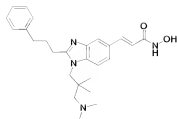
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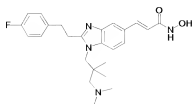
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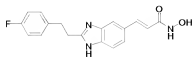
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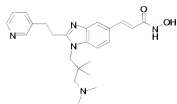
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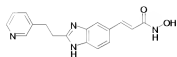
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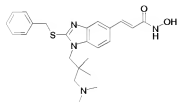
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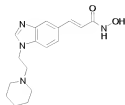
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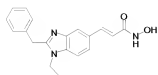
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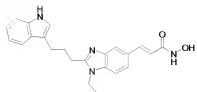
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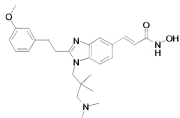
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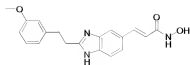
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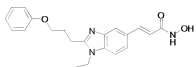
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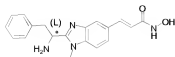
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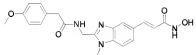


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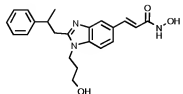


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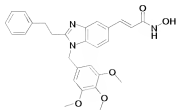
12. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition ~~including~~ comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, excipient or carrier.

13-40. (Cancelled)

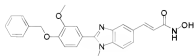
41. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from compounds, and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, selected from the group consisting of



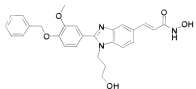
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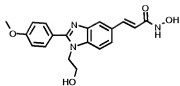
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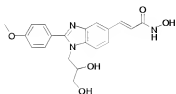
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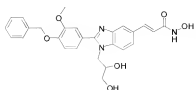
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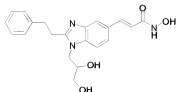
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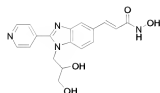
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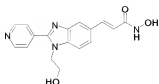
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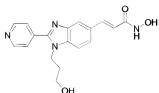
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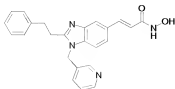
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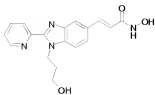


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N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(3-pyridylmethyl)-2-(2-phenylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide

and



N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-(2-pyridyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide.

42. (New) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: 2-(piperidin-1-yl)-ethyl; 2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethyl; 2-diethylamino-ethyl; and 3-dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl.